

## Message Text

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O 040006Z MAY 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS IMMEDIATE

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INFORM CONSULS FROM A/SY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: LETTER BOMBS

REF: STATE 070598

1. ALL POSTS ARE ADVISED THAT ONE OF THE PROCEDURES OUT-  
LINED IN MESSAGE STATE 070598 STATES IN PARAGRAPH 7  
"ISOLATE ANY SUSPECT LETTERS OR PACKAGES. DO NOT IMMERSE  
THEM IN WATER; THIS MAY MAKE THE PAPER SOGGY AND CAUSE  
SPRING-LOADED DEVICES TO DETONATE. IF POSSIBLE, CAREFULLY  
PLACE ITEM IN AN EMPTY, OPEN SAFE DRAWER OR ROOM (OPEN  
WINDOWS) AND EVACUATE THE IMMEDIATE AREA."

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2. THE RECOMMENDED USE OF THE SAFE DRAWER IS IN ERROR. SY  
OFFICE LETTER, D 76/18 DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1976, SENT TO ALL  
RSS'S, RSO'S AND RTO'S PROVIDED GUIDANCE ON THE CON-  
STRUCTION OF A SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE LETTER BOMB CONTAINER.  
SECURITY OFFICERS SHOULD MAKE PERTINENT PORTIONS OF THE  
REFERENCED D LETTER INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE TO THEIR CON-  
STITUENT POSTS.

3. IF SUCH A CONTAINER IS NOT ON HAND, THE SUSPECT ITEM SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CENTER OF A LARGE, OPEN AREA, SUCH AS AN EMPTY PARKING LOT OR ATHLETIC FIELD UNTIL THE PROPER AUTHORITIES CAN CHECK IT AND DISPOSE OF IT. IF NO SUCH FACILITY IS AVAILABLE, THE NEXT BEST THING WOULD BE TO ISOLATE THE ITEM IN ANY LARGE, OPEN AREA WHICH CAN BEST WITHSTAND A HIGH ORDER DETONATION AND EVACUATE THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

4. IN NO WAY SHOULD THE SUSPECT LETTER/PACKAGE BE CONFINED BY PLACING IT IN A SAFE OR FILE CABINET, AS CONFINEMENT CAUSES INCREASED DAMAGE.

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## Message Attributes

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